UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE WASHINGTON, DC 20231

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In re Application of Jeffrey A. Colborn

Serial Number: 10/058,231

Filed: October 19, 2001

For: METHODS OF USING FUEL CELL SYSTEM

CONFIGURED TO PROVIDE POWER TO

ONE OR MORE LOADS

DECISION ON

PETITION UNDER

M.P.E.P. 708.02, V

This is in response to the petition filed, March 21, 2002 requesting that the above-identified application be granted Special Status under section 708.02 (V), and alternatively under Section 708.02 (VIB) of the MPEP and 37 CFR 1.102(c) (no fee required).

The request for Special Status considered under Section 708.02 (V) is granted because criteria under 37 CFR 1.102(c) has been met.

The request for Special Status under section 708.02 (VI B) is granted because criteria under 37 CFR 1.102(c) has been met.

Accordingly the petition is GRANTED.

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